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SYSTEM

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicants submit a copy of an Office Action that was mailed on September 9, 2004, with respect to patent family member U.S. Patent Application No. 10/859,971, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,930,238 to NGUYEN, which issued on July 27, 1999;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,101,183 to BYERS, which issued on August 8, 2000;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,765,903 to ALLEN et al., which issued on July 20, 2004.

Applicants note that this document was previously cited as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/576,036; and

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(4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0036188 to CARLSSON, which was published on November 1, 2001.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, are set forth in the U.S. Office Action.


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the documents (1) - (4) are attached and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further, Applicants note that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants have included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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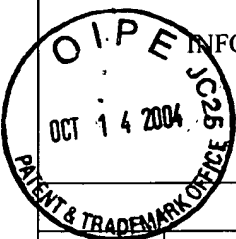


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